

Memo to N.I. Ezhov from I.V. Stalin, January 17, 1938

Com. Yezhov.

1. The line of the *Socialist-Revolutionaries* (the Left and Right SRs) has not been fully unraveled. Fishman and Paskutsky are leading the NKVD by the nose. Had Belov *on his own* not begun to open up regarding the SR connection, the NKVD would have been left in the dark. Belov revealed some things, but not everything. Paskutsky, Uritsky, and Fishman *must* supplement Belov's testimony. We must bear in mind that a considerable number of SRs remain in our army and outside of it. Does the NKVD have a record of SRs ("former" ones) in the army? I would like to receive it, and quickly. Does the NKVD have a *record* of "former" SRs outside the army (in civilian institutions)? I would also like to receive that in about two or three weeks.

2. What has been done to identify SRs based on the well-known testimony given by *Ryskulov*?

3. What has been done to identify and arrest *all Iranians* in Baku and Azerbaijan?

4. For your information, I note that at one time, the SRs were very strong in *Saratov, Tambov, Ukraine, the army* (command staff), *Tashkent*, and *Central Asia* in general, as well as *at the Baku power stations*, where they remain to this day, engaging in sabotage within the oil industry.

We need to act more briskly and intelligently.

5. A very important task: reinforce the regions of the DVK [Far Eastern Krai] with new Chekist personnel brought in from outside. This is far more important than reinforcing the regions of Kazakhstan, which can be done at a later stage.